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From: Goodfellow, Bob
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 10:18 AM
To: Ruhl, Christopher
Subject: FW: UEGENT ACTION: Ques re: West, Texas Fertilizer Report (QA/QC check)
Attachments: West Chemical ESA Package.doc; West Chemical Penalty Checklist.doc; West Chemical Penalty Cover.doc

I'm told you are handling this stuff.

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Subject: UEGENT ACTION: Ques re: West, Texas Fertilizer Report (QA/QC check)

Hi Bob,

I just left you a voice mail message. I work in the HQ office in the press office. I know you are working with Craig Haas on this request. But I am wondering if you can assist in getting a copy of the enforcement action taken place at the facility. Also if you have a copy of the risk management plan. I apologize if you are receiving many emails we are just trying to get this information.

1. Does EPA regulate fertilizer; if not, is it a state responsibility?
2. What enforcement actions has EPA taken against this plant; how do we get a copy?

Response from OECA: The facility is subject to the Chemical Accident Prevention provisions at 40 CFR Part 68 because the quantity of ammonia on-site exceeds 10,000 lbs. It has not had a major accident in the last five-years. Region 6 inspected the facility in March 2006 and issued an Expedited Settlement for deficiencies in its risk management plan in August 2006. The assessed penalty was \$2300. The facility submitted last submitted an updated plan in 2011.

3. What is EPA doing on the scene for emergency response?

Response from OECA: Region 6 has deployed 2 OSCs, 8 contractors and the mobile command post to the site. Additional OSCs and contractors are on standby. Air monitoring will be conducted. The OSCs will coordinate with TCEQ and multiple state and local partners on the response.

4. What might the explosion mean in terms of air quality? – HQ OAR working on it.
5. Is there a risk management plan for the facility? How do we see it?
6. In a sentence, what is the purpose of risk management plans?
7. What are the potential health threats from the explosion. – HQ OAR working on it.
8. How do we see a copy of the complaint or enforcement action?

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